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The following President's Act enacted on 19th November, 1951, is published for general information:—

THE EAST PUNJAB TRACTOR CULTIVATION (RECOVERY OF CHARGES) AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No. IV of 1951

An Act to amend the East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) Act, 1949.

[19th November, 1951]

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1951 (XLVI of 1951), the President is pleased to enact as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) Amendment Act, 1951.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, East Punjab Act XI of 1949.—For clause '(f)' of section 2 of the East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

'(f) "tractor cultivation" means any agricultural operation carried on with the help of tractors such as ploughing, harrowing, discing, sowing or harvesting and includes any other operation for the purpose of reclaiming *banjar* land;.'

3. Amendment of section 3, East Punjab Act XI of 1949.—In sub-section (2) of section 3 of the principal Act, the word "full" shall be omitted.

4. Substitution of new section for section 6, East Punjab Act XI of 1949.—For section 6 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"6. Period within which payment is to be made.—A cultivator whose land has been brought under tractor cultivation shall, within one month or such further time as may be allowed from the date of the receipt of the notice of demand under section 5, deposit, in the prescribed manner, the amount specified in that notice:

Provided that a refugee-cultivator may be allowed to pay the amount specified in the notice in such other manner and in such annual instalments as may be prescribed in this behalf."

5. Amendment of section 9, East Punjab Act XI of 1949.—In clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 9 of the principal Act, the words, figures and brackets "sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of" shall be omitted.

RAJENDRA PRASAD,
President.

K. V. K. SUNDARAM,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

REASONS FOR THE ENACTMENT

Under the East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) Act, 1949, a refugee-cultivator has to pay tractor cultivation charges at the end of the first crop sown on his land. It is considered that this imposes serious difficulties on refugee-cultivators and the object of the present amending Act is to allow recovery to be spread over one or more annual instalments. Opportunity has been taken to clarify the definition of "tractor cultivation".

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